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DOVER MAN PLEADS TO DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, today announced that Douglas Tierney, age 43 of Dover, New Hampshire, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to engaging in a conspiracy to distribute 300 pounds of marijuana and to distribution of 100 pounds of marijuana on July 6, 2004, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846.

Tierney was arrested on July 6, 2004, by members of the New Hampshire State Police after delivering 100 pounds of marijuana to law enforcement officers at the Epsom Circle Self Storage in Epsom, New Hampshire. The arrest was the second time Tierney has been apprehended for his involvement in the distribution of marijuana. On May 6, 1996, Tierney was sentenced in U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire, to a 110 month term of imprisonment followed by a 5 year period of supervised release, for his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Tierney was released from incarceration on August 21, 2003. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for November, 2004. Tierney is facing a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "Congress has enacted stiff penalties for individuals who engage in drug trafficking. My office will continue to dedicate its resources to prosecuting those individuals who choose to return to the business of drug dealing after being released from prison. Removing recidivists from the streets is a high priority for federal prosecutors."

The prosecution was the result of an investigation by members of the Narcotics Investigation Unit of the New Hampshire State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry L. Ollila.